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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Plague-infected rats found in Tokyo—Plague outbreak at Kagawa Ken suppressed—Small-pox on steamship Ohio at Moji from Chemulpo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, July 1, as follows:

During the week ended June 24, 1905, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 163 crew and 53 passengers.

In the absence of recent official reports, Yokohama is believed to be free from grave quarantinable disease (excluding leprosy).

Since my last report no additional cases of plague seem to have occurred in Japan (excluding Formosa). Plague-infected rats are still being discovered in Tokyo; one, on the 28th ultimo, in Honjo Ku. Rats showing plague bacilli have been found recently in 3 of the 15 districts (Ku) into which Tokyo is divided, viz, Fukagawa Ku, Kanda Ku, and Honjo Ku.

No further cases of plague are reported from Kagawa Ken. The prompt suppression of the outbreak in that prefecture after the disease had insidiously secured such a strong foothold reflects great credit on the sanitary authorities concerned.

A case of smallpox occurred on the steamship *Ohio*, which arrived at Moji from Chemulpo on June 29.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Coptic* recommended July 4 for rejection: For Honolulu, 6.

During the week ended July 1, 1905, 3 steamships, having an aggregate personnel of 436 crew and 377 passengers, were inspected; 298 aliens, intending immigrants to the United States, were examined.

Reports of infectious diseases in Yokohama have been received at the consulate-general as follows: For the week ended June 11, 1905, enteric fever, 1 case, no death; diphtheria, 3 cases, 1 death. For the week ended June 18: Enteric fever, 3 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 4 cases, no death; dysentery, 2 cases, no death. For the week ended June 25: Enteric fever, 2 cases, 1 death; diphtheria, 1 case, 1 death; dysentery, 5 cases, no death. For the week ended July 2: Enteric fever, 2 cases, no death; diphtheria, 5 cases, no death; dysentery, 5 cases, 1 death. Yokohama, therefore, continues free from cholera, plague, and smallpox.

Since my last report no new cases of human plague seem to have occurred in Japan proper, excluding Formosa.

On the 1st instant a dead rat, infected with plague, was found in Tokyo (Honjo Ku).

An official report from Formosa, dated July 3, states that since January 1, 1905, there have occurred in that island 2,353 cases of plague with 2,057 deaths. Vessels arriving from Formosa at Japanese ports are being subjected to strict quarantine inspection.